

MATH 217 W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA, Section 001 (Dr. Paul Kessenich)
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1. (a) Let E_0 denote the 0-eigenspace of T . Explicitly describe E_0 (as a set).

Solution:

$$E_0 = \{(x_1, 0, x_2, 0, x_3, 0, \dots) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

- (b) Prove that every real number λ is an eigenvalue of T . (Hint: explicitly construct an eigenvector $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \in V$. First consider x_i when i is a power of 2.)

Solution: Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then let

$$s = (1, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \dots)$$

be an infinite sequence such that each consecutive power λ^n is repeated n times in the sequence, starting from $n = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(s) &= (\lambda, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \dots) \\ &= \lambda(s). \end{aligned}$$

So any real number is an eigenvalue of T .

2. (a) Let \mathcal{D} be a diagonal $n \times n$ matrix with distinct entries along the diagonal, and let \mathcal{D} be the subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ consisting of all diagonal matrices. Prove $\mathcal{C}(D) = \mathcal{D}$.

Solution: Let the diagonal entries of D be d_1, \dots, d_n . Let $A \in \mathcal{D}$, with diagonal entries a_1, \dots, a_n . Then the product

$$AD = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 d_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 d_2 & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_n d_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 a_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 a_2 & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & d_n a_n \end{bmatrix} = DA.$$

So $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}(D)$.

Let $B \in \mathcal{C}(D)$ with columns $\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n$, rows $\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n$, and element of i th row and

j th column b_{ij} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} BD &= \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{c} B(d_1 \vec{e}_1) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| & \cdots & \left| \begin{array}{c} B(d_n \vec{e}_n) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{c} d_1 \vec{b}_1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| & \cdots & \left| \begin{array}{c} d_n \vec{b}_n \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} DB &= ((DB)^\top)^\top \\ &= (B^\top D)^\top \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{c} d_1 \vec{c}_1^\top \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| & \cdots & \left| \begin{array}{c} d_n \vec{c}_n^\top \\ \vdots \end{array} \right| \end{bmatrix}^\top \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & d_1 \vec{c}_1 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & d_n \vec{c}_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where \vec{e}_i is the i th standard basis vector. Since $B \in \mathcal{C}(D)$, $BD = DB$. Considering arbitrary b_{ij} , this means that $d_i b_{ij} = d_j b_{ij}$.

When $i = j$, then $d_i = d_j$, so b_{ij} , a diagonal element of B , can be anything.

When $i \neq j$, then $d_i \neq d_j$ since D has distinct diagonal elements. But $d_i b_{ij} = d_j b_{ij}$. So $b_{ij} = 0$. Note that in this case, b_{ij} is any non-diagonal element. Since only diagonal elements of B can be nonzero, B is diagonal, and $B \in \mathcal{D}$. So $\mathcal{C}(D) \subset \mathcal{D}$. Thus $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}(D)$.

- (b) Prove that if A and B are simultaneously diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrices, then $B \in \mathcal{C}(A)$.

Solution: We know that $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}(D)$ for any diagonal matrix D by part (a). (The $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}(D)$ direction did not depend on the fact that D had distinct diagonal elements.) So then

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1}BSS^{-1}AS &= S^{-1}ASS^{-1}BS \\ S^{-1}BAS &= S^{-1}ABS \\ BA &= AB \end{aligned}$$

Thus $B \in \mathcal{C}(A)$.

- (c) Prove that if A and B are $n \times n$ matrices such that A has n distinct eigenvalues and $B \in \mathcal{C}(A)$, then A and B are simultaneously diagonalizable.

Solution: Let S be an eigenbasis of A . Then $S^{-1}AS$, the diagonalized matrix of A , has distinct diagonal elements. We know that

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= AB \\ S^{-1}BAS &= S^{-1}ABS \\ S^{-1}BSS^{-1}AS &= S^{-1}ASS^{-1}BS \end{aligned}$$

So $S^{-1}BS \in \mathcal{C}(S^{-1}AS)$. Then by part (a), since $S^{-1}AS$ is diagonal with distinct entries, $S^{-1}BS$ is diagonal. So S diagonalizes both B and A . So A and B are simultaneously diagonalizable.

3. (a) Suppose that A has eigenvalue 0 but is not diagonalizable. Prove that $\text{im}(A) = E_0$, and conclude from this that $A^2 = 0$.

Solution: The givens imply that $\det(A - 0I_1) = 0$. So $\det(A) = 0$. But since it is not diagonalizable, there must be one eigenvalue λ of A which does not satisfy $\text{almu}(\lambda) = \text{gemu}(\lambda)$. Since both almu and gemu are always at least 1, $\text{almu} \geq \text{gemu}$, and the sum of $\text{almu} = n$; we know $\text{almu}(0) = 2$, and $\text{gemu}(0) = 1$. From this, we infer that the nullity is 1, and the rank is also 1. The almu also implies that the characteristic equation of A is $x^2 = 0$.

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - 0I_1) &= (a - x)(c - x) - bd \\ &= ac - bd - (a + c)x + x^2 \end{aligned}$$

and the characteristic polynomial has no x terms, we know that $a + c = 0$, or equivalently that $a = -c$. Additionally, $ac = bd$.

We know that A does not have linearly independent columns, so the columns must be scalar multiples of each other.

- (b) Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and suppose that A has eigenvalue λ but is not diagonalizable. Prove that we have $(A - \lambda I_2)^2 = 0$, and deduce from this that $A\vec{v} - \lambda\vec{v} \in E_\lambda$ for every $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. [Hint: apply part (a) to the matrix $A - \lambda I_2$].